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Lobbyist Cooldown to have Senate Public Hearing

Bill institutes a year period between legislator and lobbyist

Madison, WI – On Thursday, the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Consumer protection will hold a public on Senate Bill 423. The bi-partisan bill authored by Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) and Representative Dana Wachs (D-Eau Claire) will institute a one year cool down period for legislators leaving office wanting to work as a lobbyist.

"The concern Senate Bill 423 seeks to address is the so-called 'revolving door' of elected officials immediately becoming licensed lobbyists upon the expiration of the term of office," said Stroebel. "With public trust of elected officials at a low, the public wonders if actions taken as a legislator in his or hers final term were aimed at securing a lobbying job rather than for the right reasons. This bill ensures legislators fight for the constituents throughout their elected terms."

Senator Stroebel is the chair of the committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protections. Other co-authors of the bill include Representative Ed Brooks (R-Reedsburg) and Representative Jim Ott (R-Mequon).

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